

## 2011 BWSR Academy

# CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION





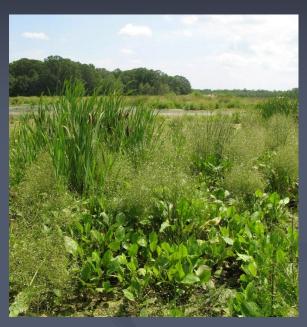
# Programs/Funding Sources /Conservation Practices





#### Wetland Restoration









- Construction Plan/Documents
- Contractor Bidding and Selection
- Construction Implementation
- Project Close-Out



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- \* Plan
- Specifications
- Measurement and Payment
- \* Inspection Plan
- \* Bid Process
- Contracts





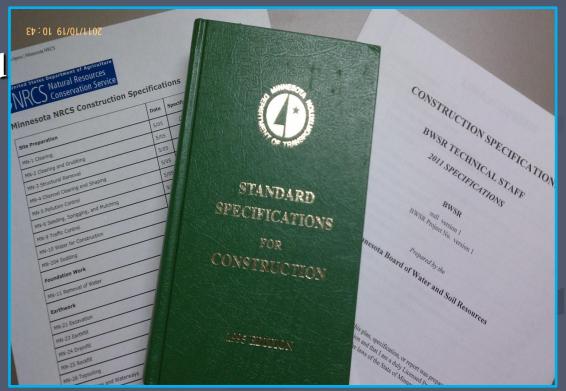
#### Plan

- Cover Sheet
- Layout Sheet
- \* Plan View Sheet
- Detail Sheets





- Specifications
  - NRCS/SWCD
  - \* BWSR
  - Ducks Unlimited
  - \* MnDOT
  - Others





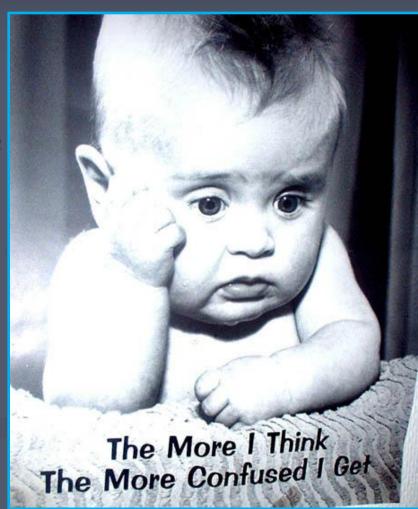
# Specifications

#### **■** Reference Specifications

- \* Referred to by Construction and/or Material Specifications
- "Industry" Established
- List (Not Necessarily Complete)
  - > ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials
  - > ACI American Concrete Institute
  - ➤ AASHTO American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials



- Measurement and Payment
  - Lump Sum
  - \* Time and Materials
  - \* Bid Quantities/Unit Price

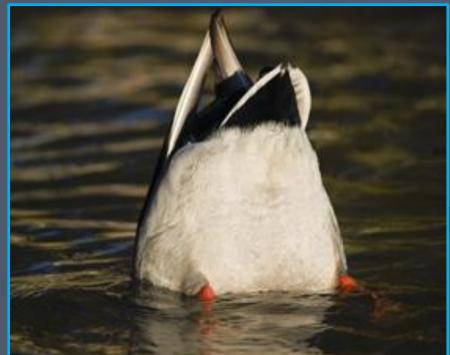




- Measurement and Payment
  - \*Which Method to Use?
    - ➤ Size of the Job
    - Complexity
    - ➤ Which Program is Cost-Sharing the Project



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#### Measurement and Payment

#### Lump Sum

- Pros:
  - ➤ Easy to Manage
  - ➤ Good for Small Projects with Very Few Items
  - Limited Inspection and Record Keeping
  - ➤ No Measurements





#### Measurement and Payment

#### Lump Sum

- Cons:
  - ➤ Higher Built in Costs
  - Disputes Difficult to Resolve (usually)
  - ➤ Modifications Difficult





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### Measurement and Payment

#### ■ Time & Materials

- Pros:
  - **▶** Good for Contractor
  - Limited Measurements
  - ➤ Moderate Record Keeping
  - ➤ Modifications Easier





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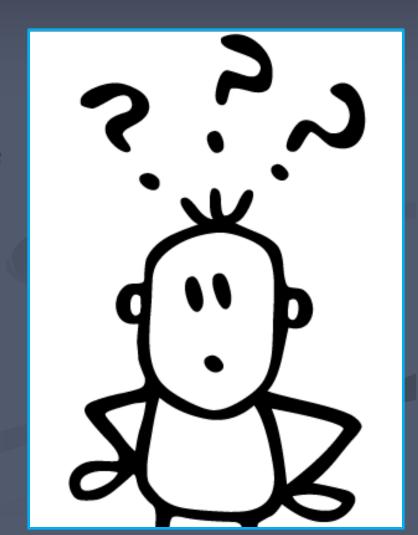
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- Cons:
  - Contractor Inefficiencies
  - ➤ Cost "Overruns" Hard to Account for
  - ➤ Higher Inspection Needs





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#### Unit Price (Bid Form)

| BID FORM  |   |      |                      |                       |                      |  |
|---|---|------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Project Name: Ed Jones RIM-WRP Wetland Restoration Project No: 2008-007 30-Sep-2009 |   |      |                      |                       |                      |  |
| Cont  | ess:  CONTRACTOR INFORMATION Business Phone No.:  City/State/Zip Code:                      | ON   | Cell Contractor Sign | Phone No.:            |                      |  |
| Item /  |   | Pay  | Estimated            | Liuit Deino           | C. I. T. I. I. C. I. |  |
| Spec. No.   | Description of Bid Item   | Unit | Quantity             | Unit Price            | Sub Total Cost       |  |
| 1   | Mobilization (not to exceed 5% of total bid price)  | L.S. | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
| 2   | Salvage & Spread Topsoil  | C.Y. | 1.0                  | !                     |                      |  |
| 2.210   | (approx. 1,000 C.Y. of embankment subcut)   |      |                      |                       |                      |  |
| 3<br>2.220  | Excavation - Spillway (P)   | C.Y. | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
| 4<br>2.220  | Excavation - Shallow Scrape - Wetland Basin #2  | C.Y. | 1.0                  | !<br>!<br>!<br>!<br>! |                      |  |
| 5   | Earthfill - Core Trench (CV)  | c.y. | 1.0                  | 1                     |                      |  |
| 2.230<br>6  | Earthfill - Core Trench (CV)  | CV   | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
| 2.230   |   | C.Y. | 1.0                  | i<br>:<br>:           |                      |  |
| 7<br>2.230  | Earthfill - Embankment (P) (CV) (Includes volumes for subcut area and settlement allowance) | C.Y. | 1.0                  | :<br>:<br>:<br>:<br>: |                      |  |
| 8   | Earthfill - Loose Volume Fill (P)   | CV   | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
| 2.240   |   | C.Y. | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
| 9<br>2.391  | Tile Investigation  | L.F. | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
| 10<br>2.391   | Tile Block/Removal  | L.F. | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
|   | F&I 6" CPE Non-Perforated Corrugated Drainage Tile for Tile Outlet                          | L.F. | 1.0                  |                       |                      |  |
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    - ➤ Fairest to Owner & Contractor
    - ➤ Modifications Easy
    - ➤ Disputes Easier to Resolve (usually)





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- Bid Quantities/Unit Price
  - Cons:
    - Time Consuming
    - > Extensive Inspection and Record Keeping
    - Risk "unbalanced bidding"





### Inspection Plan

- Identifies Work to be Accomplished
- Identifies Items to be Inspected
- Identifies Degree of Inspection Required





### Inspection Plan

Inspection Plan 8/31/11

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#### C. Personnel Recommendations

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| construction inspection, check out and certification of the project upon completion.       |
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| Prepared by: |                       |      |
|--------------|-----------------------|------|
|              | Terry Ragan, P.E.     | Date |
|              | BWSR Project Engineer |      |



#### **Bid Process**

- Simple (no contract)
  - \* Small amounts
  - \* Private land (landowner hires)
- Complex (contract)
  - \* Public lands
  - \* Large projects





## Simple Bidding (No Contract)

- Plan Sheets
- Specifications
- Bid Form







# Complex Bidding (Contract)

- **■** Formal Contract
  - \* Plan Sheets
  - \* Specifications
  - \* Bid Form
  - \* Other Documents (as per Agency)



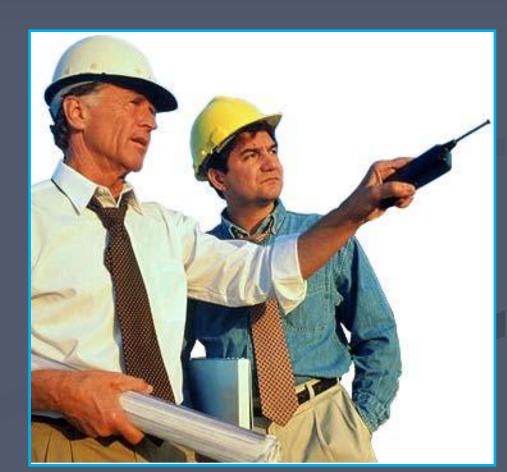


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- Contractor Bidding and Selection
- Construction Implementation
- Project Close-Out





- Contractor Bidding and Selection
  - Pre-Bid Meeting
  - Bidding Process
  - Contractor Selection





# Pre-Bid Meeting?

- Type of Project
- Complexity of the Project
- Specialty Materials Used
- Typically Not Needed





# Bidding Process

#### Contractor Bidding and Selection



#### Instructions for Soliciting Bids for BWSR Designed/Coordinated Wetland Restorations on BWSR Conservation Easements

- Field office (SWCD, NRCS, or other program partner) should provide cooperator (landowner) with
  copies of all construction documents. All of the documents together make up the construction plan.
  Review these documents and the bidding process outlined herein with the cooperator. When
  multiple landowners are involved (group projects) a primary cooperator should be identified as a
  main contact for bidders. PDF copies of the construction plans are available upon request.
- Cooperator signature should be obtained on construction plans when required. Cooperator signed plans should be kept on file in field office.
- Cooperator is responsible for hiring a contractor. Field office should provide cooperator with a list of suggested contractors for bid consideration.
- 4. In an attempt to receive at least 3 bids on the project, the cooperator should be instructed to solicit bids from at least 5 contractors. Cooperator can either send out solicitations for bids themselves or have the field office coordinate the process.
- The engineer's cost estimate that is provided is for field office use only. It should <u>not be</u> made available to prospective bidders and only provided to cooperators under special circumstances.
- For large and/or complex projects, a pre-bid meeting may be desired or deemed necessary. The field office should assist the cooperator in scheduling a meeting with the selected contractors and an appropriate BWSR engineering representative.
- Bid due dates should be established and made known to all prospective bidders. 15 to 30 days is an
  appropriate timeframe. When appropriate, construction completion dates should also be identified
  and made known to prospective contractors who will be bidding on the project.
- The field office should provide oversight to the bidding process, review the bids, and confirm the
  cooperator's selection of a contractor. Although not required, a minimum of 3 bids should be
  received by the cooperator and submitted to the field office for review.
- 9. It is preferred to have the cooperator consider hiring the contractor with the lowest bid assuming the bid is deemed accurate and does not exceed 10% of the engineer's estimate\*. However, any bid that does not exceed 10% of the engineer's estimate can be considered.
- 10. The cooperator shall be responsible to notify the bidding contractors of their hiring decision. The contractor should be reminded of the construction due date, if established.
- The cooperator shall also have the decision of whether or not to share the awarded bid information with unsuccessful bidders.
  - \* If the returned bids exceed the engineer's estimate by more than 10%, the field office should contact the project engineer or other BWSR representative. To remain eligible for maximum practice reimbursement benefits, the cooperator will be instructed to either solicit additional bids or negotiate with current bidders in an attempt to correct unbalanced or unreasonable bid items. In some situations, it may not be feasible to negotiate or consider a new bid solicitation and exceptions may be allowed. In other cases, the cooperator may be asked to cover any unfunded balance should they desire to proceed with hiring a contractor whose bid exceeds the 10% limit.

**Bidding Instructions** 

MN Board of Water and Soil Resources April 2010



#### **Contractor Selection**

- Approved Contractor List
- Landowner Preference
- Past Contractors
- Formal Advertising
- Availability & Experience





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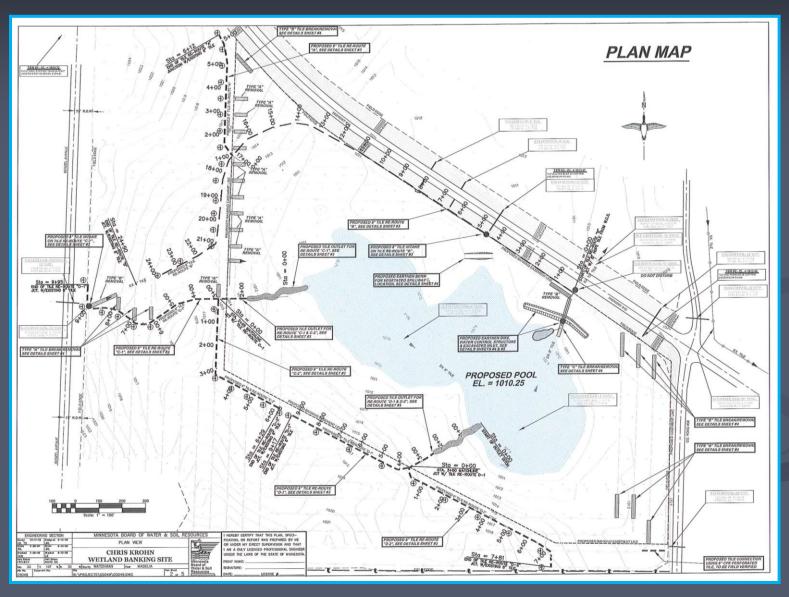


# **Existing Site Conditions**



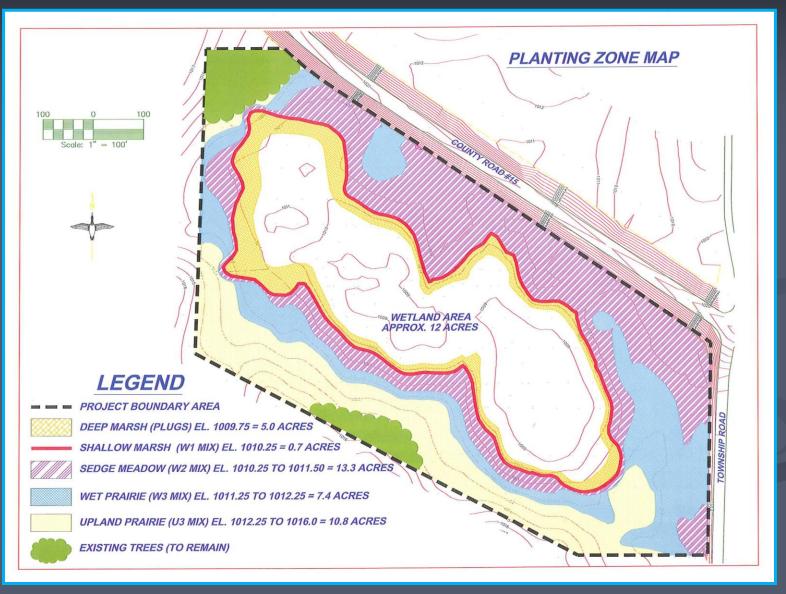


#### Construction Plan





# Seeding Plan/Map





# Completed Restoration



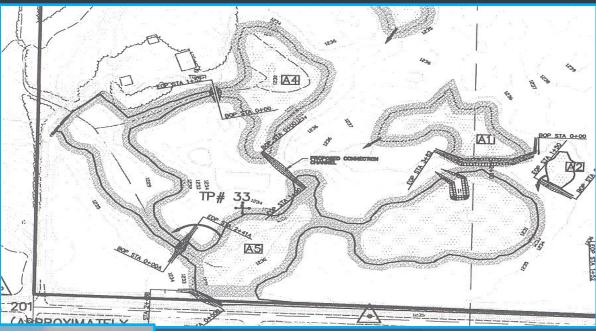
Construction Implementation



# Restoring Hydrology v.s.

# Seeding/Planting - Timing for Success



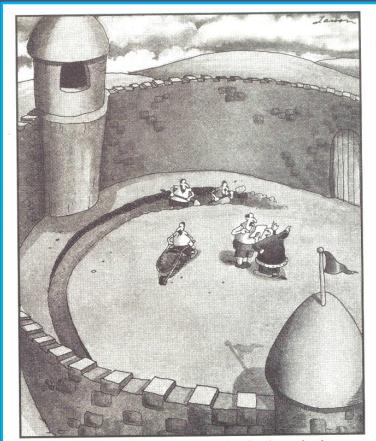






# Agenda

- Construction Implementation
  - Engineering/Technical Practices
  - Vegetation Establishment



Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.



# Agenda

- Engineering/Technical Practices
  - Pre-Construction Meeting
  - Permits
  - Layout & Staking
  - \* Construction Observation
  - Project Modifications



- Pre-Construction Meeting
  - \* What Projects Require Meeting
  - \* Who Should Attend
  - \* What Should be Covered
  - When to Hold Meeting
  - Who is Responsible for What



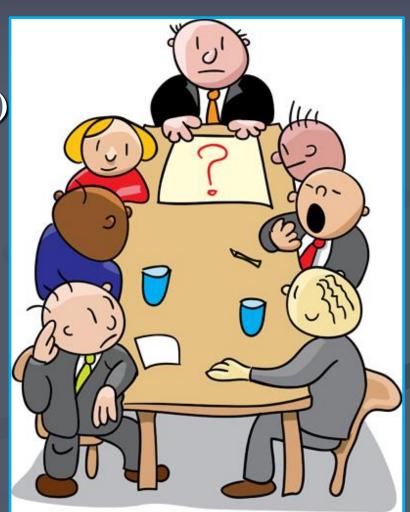


- What Projects Require Meeting
  - \* Most Every Project. Depends on:
    - Complexity of the Work
    - ➤ Knowledge and Experience of the Principals





- Who Should Attend
  - Owner
  - Contractor
  - Engineer (or Representative)
  - Construction Inspector
  - Others





### What Should be Covered

#### Pre-Construction Meeting

2011 BWSR Academy RIM-WRP
Wetland Restoration Project
Crow Wing County, Minnesota
Project No. 2011-001
Location: Breezy Point Convention Center

October 26th, 2011

#### 1. Introductions

#### List of Representatives

Contractor: Name:

Address: Phone:

Project Foreman/ Superintendent: Name: Phone #(s):

Project Engineer:

Name: Address: Phone:

Project Technicians/ Inspectors: Name:

Name: Phone:

Name: Phone:

- 2. Status of Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed
- 4. Need for Additional Plans, Addendums and Specifications
- 5. Construction Schedule
  - a. Start Date:
  - b. Completion Date:
- 6. Unit Price Contract
- 7. Payment
  - a. Partial Payments:
  - b. Final Payment:



10/26/11

#### 8. Utility Impacts/Notifications

- a. Gopher-State-One-Call Status:
- i. Ticket Number:
- 9. Permits
  - a. NPDES
  - b. Public Waters
  - c. R-O-W
  - d. Utility

#### 10. Staging/Storage Areas -

- 11. Temporary Facilities -
- 12. Site Access
  - a. Working Limits
  - b. Archeological Remains
- 13. Plan Review/Construction Sequence -

#### 14. Construction Methods/Specifications

- a. Borrow Material/Embankment/Road Slope Improvements
- b. Compaction Requirements
- c. Settlement
- d. Outlet Structures
- e. Manufactured Products/Materials
- f. Erosion Control/Site Stabilization
- 15. Coordination of Work by Others
- 16. Traffic Control
- 17. Submittals
  - a. Estimated progress schedule and partial payment breakdown
  - b. List of subcontractors and suppliers
- 18. Staking/Construction Layout To be completed by SWCD & BWSR. Provide 48 hours notice.
- 19. Construction Observations/Inspections
  - a. BWSR and SWCD staff will provide construction observation for the project
- 20. Inspections and Testing
  - a. Inspections by Engineer or authorized representative Prior to any concealment
  - b. During construction
  - c. Inspections by others
- 21. Site Cleanup/Closeout
- 22. Final Comments/Questions

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- When to Hold Meeting
  - \* Before Construction Starts
  - Day Construction Starts

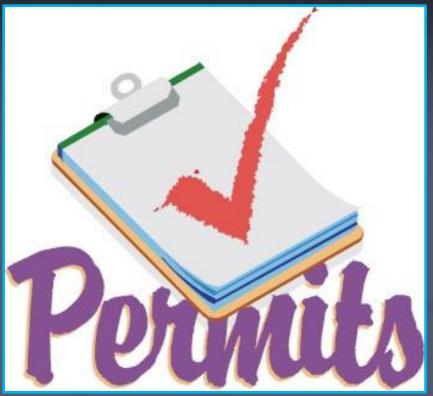




- **■** Who is Responsible for What
  - Owner
  - Contractor
  - \* Engineer/Inspector
  - Others

### Permits

- \* Landowner
  - ➤ NPDES Permit
  - ➤ Local Permits/Approvals
- Contractor
  - ➤ NPDES Permit
  - ➤ Gopher State One-Call
  - > Road Authority Approval/Permit



- Layout & Staking
  - \* How Much is **Enough**?
  - \* Bench Marks
  - \* What does the Contractor Want?
  - \* Keep the Contractor Informed.





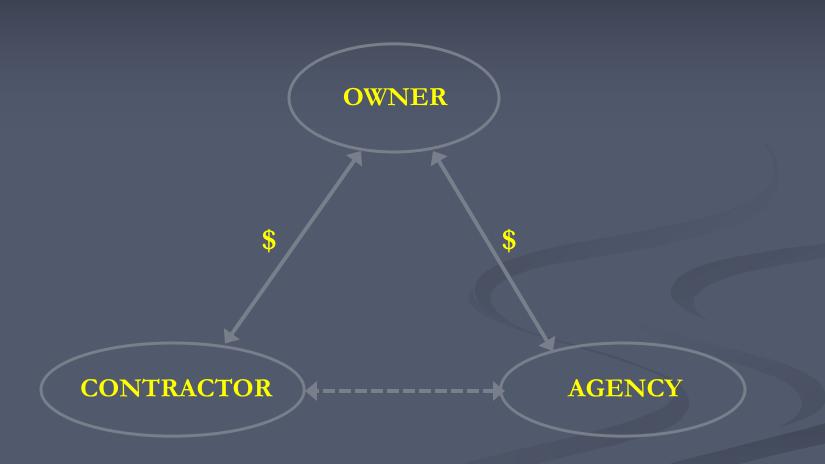
- Construction Observation
  - \* Sequencing

  - Quality Control
  - \* TAA
  - \* Documentation
    - Quantities
    - ➤ Processes used
    - > Photos
    - > Material verification
    - ➤ Daily Diary/Log





# "Conservation Projects" Model





# Typical "Wetland Mitigation" Model

Private Wetland Banks & Replacement Sites

**OWNER** 

DEVELOPER/ ENGINEER

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Credit
Certification

CONTRACTOR

REGULATOR



Construction Inspection is OBSERVING construction methods and procedures, examining and testing materials used and examining and testing the resulting finished work.



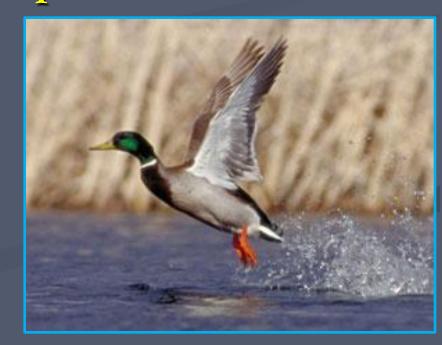
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The project specifications are the main criteria governing the decisions and actions of an inspector; therefore, clear specifications and drawings are important.





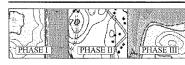


# Sequencing

### Construction Activities Sequencing

- \* Efficiency
- \* Reduce Erosion
- \* Aides in Scheduling
- Smoother Flow of Activities
- First Things First
- Frequency/Number of Trips

### Construction Practices Sequencing



#### Description

A work schedule that coordinates the sequence of land-disturbing activities with the installation of erosion and sedimentation control

A construction sequence schedule is a specified work schedule that coordinates the timing of land-disturbing activities and the installation of erosion-protection and sedimentation-control measures.

#### Purpose

To reduce on-site erosion and off-site sedimentation from landdisturbing activities by installing erosion and sedimentation control practices in accordance with a planned schedule.

Reduce on-site erosion and off-site sedimentation by performing landdisturbing activities and installing erosion-protection and sedimentationcontrol practices in accordance with a planned schedule.

Preserving the natural vegetation on-site to the maximum extent practicable will minimize the impacts of development on stormwater runoff. Preferably 65 percent or more of the development site should be protected for the purposes of retaining or enhancing existing forest cover and preserving wetlands and stream corridors.

#### **Effectiveness**

All land development that clears, grades or fills a significant land area. The removal of existing surface ground cover leaves a site vulnerable to accelerated emission

#### Good planning will:

- · Reduce land clearing
- · Provide necessary controls
- · Restore protective cover.

New development often takes place on tracts of forested land. In fact, building sites are often selected because of the presence of mature trees. However, unless sufficient care is taken and planning done, in

#### Purpose

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| Water                 | Water Quantity |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| ow attenuation        |                |  |
| moff volume reduction |                |  |

#### Water Quality

|                   | -   |
|-------------------|-----|
| lution prevention |     |
| Soil crosion      |     |
| Sediment control  | 7.5 |
| Sytriant loading  |     |

#### Pollutant removal

| Total suspended sediment (TSS) |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Total phosphorus (P)           |  |
| Nitrogen (N)                   |  |

| rosas parosparosas (+ ) |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Nitrogen (N)            |  |
| Heavy metals            |  |

| rionity and and |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Floatables      |  |
| Oil and grease  |  |

| Other          |  |
|----------------|--|
| Fecal coliform |  |

| recar contorn             |
|---------------------------|
| Biochemical oxygen demand |
| (BOD)                     |

| - |   | Primary design benefit |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 3 | - |                        |



### ■ BMP'S

- Construction Activities Sequencing
- Silt Fence
- Erosion Control Fabric/Mats
- \* Bio Rolls
- \* Mulching
- \* Temporary & Permanent Seeding
- Others



### Silt Fence





■ Erosion Control Fabric/Mats







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| Prepared by: |                       |      |
|--------------|-----------------------|------|
|              | Terry Ragan, P.E.     | Date |
|              | BWSR Project Engineer |      |



### ■ Technical Approval Authority (TAA)

| U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE<br>NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION S   | MN-MGT-008<br>ERVICE 1/97 |  |  |
|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| CONSERVATION PRACTICE<br>TECHNICAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY  |                           |  |  |
| Assignment and Acceptance For  |                           |  |  |
| (Employee)   | (Title)                   |  |  |
| SWCD (Employer)  | Part A DATE               |  |  |
|  | Part B DATE               |  |  |
| By signing this form, I agree to utilize my assigned technical approval authority only for work that I am competent and qualified to perform. I will seek assistance from others when complicating factors warrant.  I also understand that conservation practices can have negative effects on some resources. I agree to consider the impacts of practices on all resources before recommending their use. |                           |  |  |
|  |                           |  |  |
| (Employee's Signature)   |                           |  |  |
| Technical Approval Authority assigned by:  |                           |  |  |
| (Name)   | (Title)                   |  |  |
| (Signature)  | (Date)                    |  |  |

#### **ETHICS STATEMENT**

By signing this form, I agree to utilize my assigned technical approval authority only for work that I am competent and qualified to perform. I will seek assistance from others when complicating factors warrant.

I also understand that conservation practices can have negative effects on some resources. I agree to consider the impacts of practices on all resources before recommending their use.



On Site Observations





Striping Under Embankments





### Striping Borrow Areas





- Scarifying
  - When to Use
  - Depth

**Scarifying Seed Bed** 





Scarifying Embankment Footprint



- Core Trench
  - \* Depth
  - \* Extent
  - Use of Materials



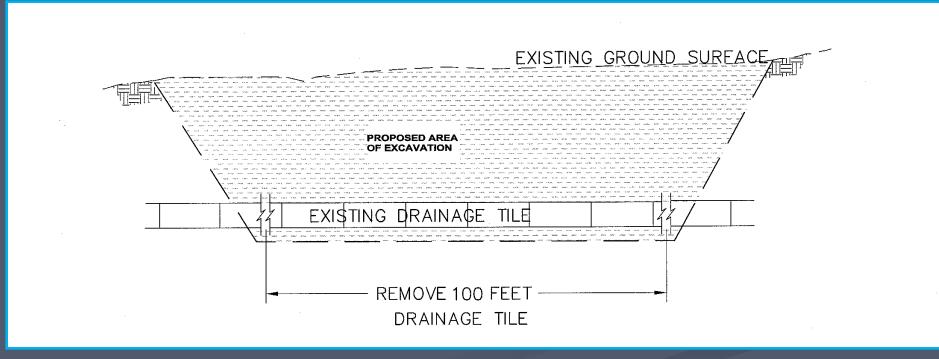


■ Tile Investigation





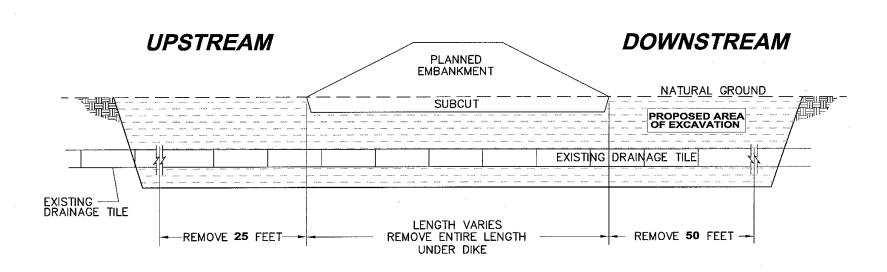
- **Tile Removal** 
  - \* Tile Block/Removal, Type "A"





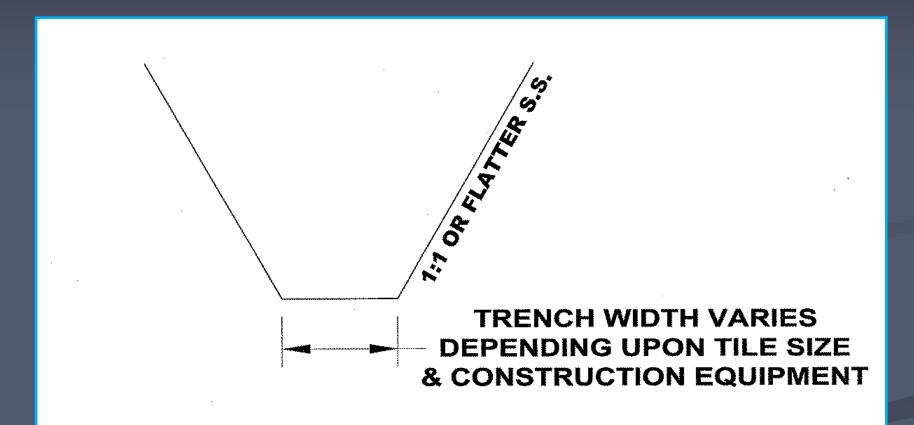
**■ Tile Removal** 

\* Tile Block/Removal, Type "B"





**■ Tile Removal** 



**TYPICAL TILE REMOVAL TRENCH DETAIL** 

NOT TO SCALE



### Compaction

- Moisture Content
- \* Material Type
- Compaction Type
- Pipe Installation
- Sheet Pile Installation
- Overbuild/Settlement





Compaction Equipment:

\*Dozer 10-20 psi (lb/in<sup>2)</sup>

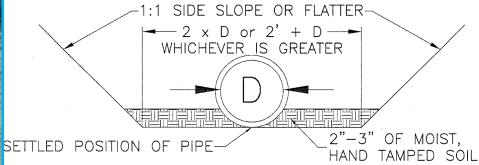
\*Loaded Scraper 100 psi (lb/in<sup>2)</sup>

Sheepsfoot
200 psi (lb/in²)



#### ■ Pipe Installation





- 1. PIPE SHALL BE LOADED UNTIL HAND-TAMPED BACKFILL HOLDS IT SECURELY.
- 2. FILL NEXT TO THE PIPE SHALL BE PLACED IN LAYERS NOT MORE THAN 4" THICK BEFORE HAND COMPACTED.
- 3. HEAVY EQUIPMENT SHALL NOT BE OPERATED WITHIN 2 FEET OF THE TOP OR SIDES OF THE PIPE.

PIPE BEDDING DETAIL

NOT TO SCALE



#### ■ Pipe Installation





#### ■ Riser Installation





■ Sheet Pile Installation







#### Overbuild/Settlement

- Embankment
- Tile Blocks/Removal Areas







- Quantities
- Processes Used
- Material Verifications
- Photos
- Daily Diary/Log





- What to Watch For
  - Unsuitable subgrade materials
  - Proper Compaction
  - Quality materials (conduits, appurtenances, etc)
  - Proper grade control





#### What to Document

- Survey Notes
  - Core Trench Limits
  - Embankment Profile & Cross-Section
  - Conduit Inlet & Outlet Flow Lines
  - Auxiliary Spillway Profile and Cross-Section
- \* Material Certifications
- \* Technicians Notes (Job Diary)
  - **▶**Daily Progress
  - ▶ Pertinent Conversions and Events



Suggested Format

| <u>Technical Notes</u> |             |   |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Project Owner:         |             |   |  |  |  |  |
|                        |             |   |  |  |  |  |
| Phone Number:          |             |   |  |  |  |  |
| Practice:              | Contractor: |   |  |  |  |  |
| Location of Practice   | e:          |   |  |  |  |  |
| Date                   | Comments    |   |  |  |  |  |
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- Inspect to Fullest Extent Possible During Actual Construction
  - Easier to Make Corrections
  - Contractor Will Respect Plans/Specs Because You
     Do
  - \* Don't "SUPERVISE" the Contractor

## Engineering/Technical Practices

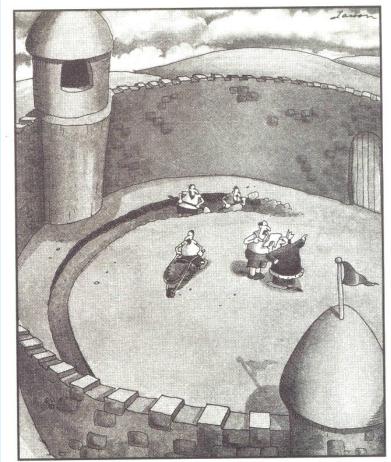
- Project Modifications
  - \* What Prompted the Change/Modification
  - Who Can Make Changes/Revisions
    - ➤ Engineer or Engineer's Field Technician/Representative
  - \* Who Needs to Approve
    - ➤ Engineer or Engineer's Field Technician/Representative
  - \* When is a Change Ordered Needed
    - ➤ New Item
    - Scope Change





## Agenda

- \* Key Considerations
- Specifications
- Schedules
- Seeding Near Waterbodies
- Seed Bed Preparation
- Flexibility
- Weed Control
- \* Establishment Results
- Monitoring



Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.







- Key Considerations
  - Transitioning to/from Construction
  - \* Effective Weed Control
  - Checking Establishment Results





#### Specifications

- Meeting Seed Law
- Pure Live Seed
- Yellow Tag Seed
- Substitutions
- Mixing Directions
- Delivery Directions





- Specifications
  - \* BWSR Native Vegetation Guidelines
    - ➤ Developed 2009
    - ➤ Meet Legislation
    - ➤ Help Ensure Project Success



#### NATIVE VEGETATION ESTABLISHMENT AND ENHANCEMENT GUIDELINES 12/23/09

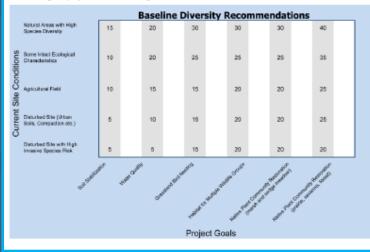
Intent: This document summarizes current guidelines for the use of native seed and plants (herbaceous and woody). Consistent with the following legislation, projects are required to use local sources of plant materials and strive for diversity levels that will provide high levels of ecological function.



(2000 Legislation) "To the extent possible, any person conducting a restoration with money appropriated in this section must plant vegetation or sow seed only of ecotypes native to Minnesota, and preferably of the local ecotype, using a high diversity of species originating from as close to the restoration site as possible, and protect existing native prairies from genetic contamination."

The following guidelines apply to BWSR programs across the state for seed and plants.

Diversity Levels: High species diversity is recommended for projects to promote native community stability and function, to provide benefits to multiple wildlife species and to prevent establishment of invasive species. Diversity levels may vary depending on the target plant community, site conditions and project goals. The following table provides baseline diversity levels for a range of project conditions and goals.





#### Schedules

- \* Detailed Schedule
- Coordinate Construction
- \* Coordinate Vegetation Installation

**Early August 2012** Initiate Construction

**Early September 2012** Finalize construction and seed winter wheat

**Early October 2012** Conduct spot treatment of weeds

>Mid October 2012 Conduct dormant seeding of permanent mixes

May 2012 Conduct first mowing of upland areas and

wetland areas that are accessible



- Schedules
  - \* Timing Spring vs. Fall Seeding
  - Construction Mix or Cover Crop
  - Seed Bed Preparation
  - Flexibility







#### Schedules

- \* Timing
  - ➤ Construction Start Date
  - **▶** Weather Conditions
- \* BWSR's Guidance
  - Preferred Seeding Dates
  - ➤ Types of Seed





#### Schedules

- \* Recommended Seeding Dates
  - http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/native\_vegetation/seeding-dates.pdf



#### Recommended Seeding Dates for Restoration Projects

#### Recommended Dates / Vegetation Type

| Vegetation Type             | Spring/Early<br>Summer | Mid-<br>Summer | Early Fall    | Late Fall<br>(Dormant Seeding) | Snow Seeding     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Prairie Grasses             | Apr.15 - Jun 30        |                | Aug 1 - Oct 1 | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |
| Prairie Sedges and<br>Forbs | Apr.1 - Jun 30         |                | Aug 1 - Oct 1 | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |
| Wetland Grasses             | Apr.1 - Jun 30         |                | Aug 1 - Oct 1 | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |
| Wetland Sedges<br>and Forbs | Apr.1 - Jun 30         |                | Aug 1 - Oct 1 | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |
| Native<br>Construction Mix  | Apr.1 - Jun 30         |                | Aug 1 - Oct 1 | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |
| Oats Cover                  | Apr.1 - Jun 30         |                |               | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |
| Winter Wheat<br>Cover       |                        |                | Aug 1 - Oct 1 | Oct 15 - Frozen Soil           | Feb 15 - April 7 |

#### Success Rates:

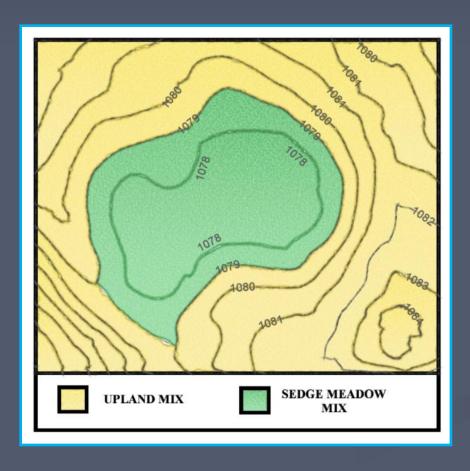
| High Success Rates                 |
|------------------------------------|
| Medium Success Rates               |
| Low Success Rates                  |
| * Not Recommended Without Watering |
| ** Not Recommended                 |

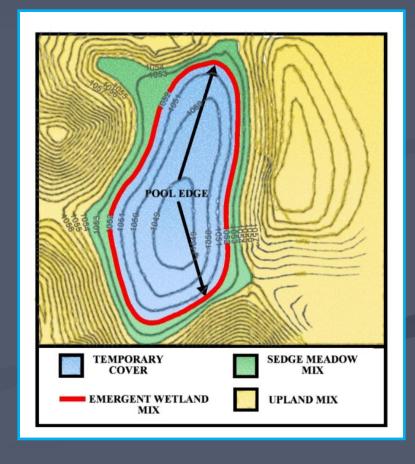
Note: Planting dates will vary from northern to southern Minnesota.

Notes about success rates: Success is less predictable for optional vegetation types and seeding dates, so use the recommended dates for each vegetation type unless construction sequencing or other factors make that impossible. For example, if the state of Minnesota "Native Construction" mix is used in early fall, watering is recommended to aid establishment.



- Schedules
  - \* Topography







- Schedules
  - Cover Crop?
  - Construction Mix?

Cover crops are often used to stabilize a site in preparation of installing a permanent native seed mix.





- Schedules
  - Cover Crop?
  - Construction Mix?



Native construction mixes are typically used in disturbed areas needing a combination of rapidly establishing cover along with longerlasting native grasses and forbs.



(Native Construction and Dry Swale/Pond State Mixes often used for RIM)



- Seeding Near Waterbodies
  - Quick Sequencing
  - Quick Establishing Species
  - \* Additional Erosion Control Measures









- Seed Bed Preparation
  - \* Dependant on Equipment
    - ➤ Firm Drills
    - ➤ Rough Broadcast







- Flexibility
  - Scheduling Issues







Weed Control

\* Management During Establishment





Minnesota Wetland Restoration Guide Vegetation Section: http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/native\_vegetation/index.html

Construction Implementation



## Vegetation Establishment

#### Establishment Results

- Project Specifications
  - Spacing of Native Species
  - Diversity Level
  - ➤ Invasive Species







- Monitoring
  - \* Assess Species Establishment
  - Variable Maintenance Needs







## Agenda

- Construction Plan Components
- Contractor Bidding and Selection
- Construction Implementation
- Project Close-Out





## Agenda

- Project Close-Out
  - \* As-Built Plans
  - \* Construction Certification
  - \* Review Contractor Invoices and Making Payment





#### Project Close-Out

- Construction Certification
  - Engineer
  - Technician/Appropriate Technical Approval Authority (TAA)
- As-Built Drawings
  - \* Document all Changes on Construction Plans
- **■** Reviewing of Invoices
- Final Payment





#### Project Close-Out

- Construction Certification
  - \* Ensure that construction is done according to the approved plan

#### **CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT A FINAL INSPECTION OF THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PERFORMED AND THAT THE WORK COMPLETED IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS AND CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS AND THAT ANY CHANGES TO THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE SO NOTED.

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#### Project Close-Out

#### Oversight

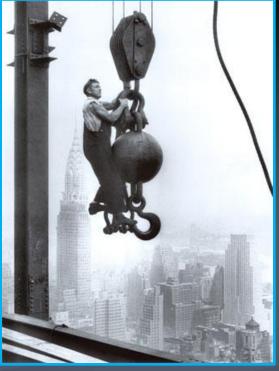
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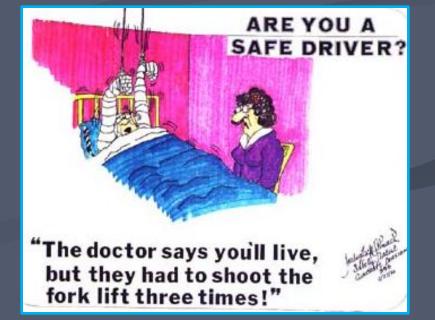


- Hard Hats
- Safety Vests
- **Trench Safety**















#### Safety Vests





#### ■ Trench Safety





Fissure identified by Compliance Officer. Entire area around fissure collapsed into trench within minutes of initiating the inspection.









## Be Prepared - It Will Rain





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# Questions?

